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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...with all your districts below or all your districts above; that there ought to be balance within those...within those situations. Is that what you're asking? I'm not sure, I'm not absolutely clear what your question is.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, that is what I'm asking. And because we sometimes do break down into groups like that nobody, of course, really knows what the impact is going to be statewide and in the other districts. But what I don't want to do is encourage us to think that we should deviate or we can; that...that what we should be encouraged to do is come as close to zero percent as we can, and...and, you know, I...I don't know how to emphasize it any better than that. But if we don't have any language in here that says anything but that we can deviate plus or minus two percent, I'm afraid that...or five percent, I mean, I'm afraid that that's what will happen in each of these districts maybe.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time. Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. It's sort of interesting listening to the discussion because it's sort of like listening to a choir with different voices. We're all saying about the same thing in different ways. Again, the goal is zero. The ten percent, by the way, as I understand from the various seminars and...that one has attended and literature that one has read and research over at Legislative Research is not five over and five under in the eyes of the court. It's a deviation of ten percent, maximum of ten percent between the largest and the smallest district that's generally accepted to meet other rational state policy. Zero is always the guideline and, as the Speaker mentioned, the 49 districts must, in fact, total up to exactly what the count of the population of the state of Nebraska is. Complicating this issue a little bit further is a Madison County case which said that a county, when it comprised of a population that made a legislative district the right population for a legislative district would, in fact, be a legislative district. I'm afraid